

# FVCland

*Before Columbus set sail to explore new territory, we are sure he had a big party. Likewise, the FEB survey of Volunteerland was launched with a festive celebration! The following is an article that appeared in the quarterly FEB “News-at-a-Glance.”*



## Federal Volunteer Corps (FVC) Kickoff

To paraphrase an old song: though the weather outside was frightful, the FVC Kickoff was delightful! Neither a brief drizzle, nor cold winds deterred almost 500 participants from having fun and fulfilling worth-while goals on April 8, 1999, at the Roybal Plaza in downtown Los Angeles.

Right before National Volunteer Week, this event launched a new organization, inspired by President Clinton’s April 1998 directive, sponsored by your FEB, and composed of Federal employees from the five-county Greater Los Angeles area, who volunteer in the community or through their agencies.

To reward our volunteers, almost 300 free FVC T-shirts were distributed to two groups:



- , 100 new volunteers who signed up with about 25 volunteer organizations at the kickoff, thereby expanding local Federal volunteerism
- , almost 200 current volunteers who completed the FVC survey to increase available information on Federal community service.

The theme, “Volunteering is easy and fun!” was illustrated with four hours of continuous entertainment by volunteers ranging from high school song and dance groups to current and retired Federal musicians.



A Marine Color Guard, remarks by Stewart Liff, Chair of the FEB and Regional Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and Louise Oliver, Chair of the Retired Federal Leadership Council, opened the event, at which free refreshments and five door prizes were offered. FEB Executive Director, Kathrene Hansen (shown with Mr. Liff), excelled as Mistress of Ceremonies.



Red, white and blue balloon kites, bouquets, and an arch attracted passers by who investigated volunteer opportunities.



A Guide Dog of America puppy-in-training and a

Wildlife Waystation rescued coati, named Yuma, helped recruit new volunteers.

FVC Coordinator, Andrea Winkler, stated, "Thanks to excellent kickoff attendance, the FVC has begun strongly!"

*Because our effort to learn about local Federal volunteerism is ongoing, please share with colleagues the FVC brochure on the following pages.*

*Those who have not learned the blessed art of sharing  
have not learned the true pathway to happiness.*

*Garwin*